

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification at page 17, lines 8-15 as follows:

A balancing counter-offer (i.e., to buy the rollerblade package of package offer 114) will indicate a positive value of \$165 and a negative value for the rollerblade package, indicating that the counter-offeror is offering payment in return for the described goods/services. Closure of an offer is thus easily detected because matching offers and counter-offers will sum to zero. In particular, and as illustrated below in FIG. 2, a counter-offer that satisfies the terms of package offer 114 will have a positive value of \$165 and a negative ~~one~~ value for rollerblade package. The counter-offer may be termed a zero-sum offer.